

113TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 114

To encourage online workforce training.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2013

Mr. HOLT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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# A BILL

To encourage online workforce training.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Online Job Training  
5       Act of 2013”.

6       **SEC. 2. ONLINE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

7       Section 171 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998  
8       (29 U.S.C. 2916) is amended by adding at the end the  
9       following:

10      “(f) ONLINE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM.—

11           “(1) NATIONAL ONLINE WORKFORCE TRAINING  
12           GRANTS.—

1                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount ap-  
2 propriated under subparagraph (G), the Sec-  
3 retary shall award National Online Workforce  
4 Training Grants on a competitive basis to eligi-  
5 ble entities to enable such entities to carry out  
6 workforce training programs using distance-  
7 learning technologies, such as the Internet. An  
8 entity may leverage such grant with other Fed-  
9 eral, State, local, and private resources, in  
10 order to expand the participation of businesses,  
11 employees, and other individuals in such train-  
12 ing programs.

13                 “(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—For  
14 purposes of this subsection, the term ‘eligible  
15 entity’ means an educational institution, com-  
16 munity-based organization, nonprofit organiza-  
17 tion, State board or local board, or unit of gen-  
18 eral local government, that provides online  
19 workforce training.

20                 “(C) PRIORITY.—Priority in awarding  
21 grants under this paragraph shall be given to  
22 eligible entities that—

23                     “(i) have demonstrated experience in  
24 implementing and operating online work-  
25 force training and education programs;

1                 “(ii) have demonstrated experience co-  
2                 ordinating activities, where appropriate,  
3                 with the workforce investment system; and

4                 “(iii) conduct training for occupations  
5                 with national or local shortages.

6                 “(D) DATA COLLECTION.—Each eligible  
7                 entity receiving a grant under this paragraph  
8                 shall collect and report information on—

9                 “(i) the number of participants in the  
10                 workforce training program funded under  
11                 this paragraph;

12                 “(ii) the services received by the par-  
13                 ticipants;

14                 “(iii) program completion rates;

15                 “(iv) factors determined as signifi-  
16                 cantly interfering with program participa-  
17                 tion or completion;

18                 “(v) the rate of job placement; and

19                 “(vi) other information as determined  
20                 as needed by the Secretary.

21                 “(E) OUTREACH.—Each eligible entity re-  
22                 ceiving a grant under this paragraph shall con-  
23                 duct outreach activities to disseminate informa-  
24                 tion to workforce investment boards, local gov-

ernments, educational institutions, and other workforce training organizations about—

8                         “(F) PERFORMANCE LEVELS.—The Sec-  
9                         retary shall establish indicators of performance  
10                        that will be used to evaluate the performance of  
11                        eligible entities under this paragraph in car-  
12                        rying out the activities required under this  
13                        paragraph. Prior to awarding a grant under  
14                        this paragraph to an eligible entity, the Sec-  
15                        retary shall negotiate and reach agreement with  
16                        the entity regarding the levels of performance  
17                        expected to be achieved by the entity on the in-  
18                        dicators of performance.

19                   “(G) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
20 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-  
21 priated to the Secretary to carry out this para-  
22 graph \$50,000,000 for fiscal years 2014  
23 through 2024.

24           “(2) ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM CLEARING-  
25           HOUSE.—

1                 “(A) DESCRIPTION OF GRANT.—From the  
2                 amounts appropriated under subparagraph (D),  
3                 the Secretary shall award one grant to an eligi-  
4                 ble postsecondary educational institution to pro-  
5                 vide the services described in this paragraph.

6                 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to re-  
7                 ceive a grant under this paragraph, a postsec-  
8                 ondary educational institution shall—

9                         “(i) have demonstrated the ability to  
10                  disseminate research on best practices for  
11                  implementing workforce investment pro-  
12                  grams; and

13                         “(ii) be a national leader in producing  
14                  cutting-edge research on technology related  
15                  to workforce investment systems under  
16                  subtitle B.

17                 “(C) SERVICES.—The postsecondary edu-  
18                 cational institution that receives a grant under  
19                 this paragraph shall use such grant—

20                         “(i) to provide technical assistance to  
21                  entities that receive grants under para-  
22                  graph (1);

23                         “(ii) to collect and nationally dissemi-  
24                  nate the data gathered by entities that re-  
25                  ceive grants under paragraph (1); and

1                     “(iii) to disseminate best practices  
2                     identified by the Secretary.

3                     “(D) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
4                     TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-  
5                     priated to the Secretary to carry out this sub-  
6                     section \$1,000,000 for fiscal years 2014  
7                     through 2024.”.

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